(b) if so, whether the allocation for urban reforms incentive fund that was announced in the Union Budget to provide reform linked assistance to the States has been welcomed by the States;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision on important issues regarding the degree of flexibility that would be provided to States on the usage of funds; and

(d) if so, whether the funds would be dispersed as loans or grants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) In his Budget speech for 2002-2003, the Finance Minister has announced the setting up of an Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF) with a initial outlay of Rs. 500 crore to provide reform linked assistance to States. Further details are being worked out.

(c) and (d) The details to evolve the modalities for the operation of the fund are being worked out.

Urban Infrastructure Incentive Fund

4202. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to set-up an Urban Infrastructure Incentive Fund with a corpus of Rs. 500 crore to support the States pursuing reforms in this sector;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programmes in this regard have been worked out;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the States are likely to utilize this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA.): (a) to (d) In the Budget Speech for the year 2002-203, an announcement was made by the Minister of Finance regarding setting up of an Urban Reform Incentive Fund (URIF) with an initial outlay of Rs. 500 crore to provide reform linked assistance to the States. Planning Commission is engaged in evolving the modalities for the operation of the Fund.

The proposed Fund will seek to have incentive linked reforms in the following areas:—

(i) Reform of Rent Control Laws and repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Acts at the State Level.

(ii) Rationalisation of high stamp duty regimes.

(iii) Revision of bye-laws to streamline the approval process for construction of buildings,, development of sites, etc.

(iv) Revision of municipal laws in line with model legislation prepared by the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation.

(v) Simplification of legal and procedural framework for conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes.

(vi) Levy of realistic user charges and resource mobilization by urban local bodies.

(vii) Initiation of public private partnership in the provision of civic services.

So far no concrete programmes have been worked out.

Illegal Construction in Bungalows in Lutyen's Zone

4203. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bungalows in Lutyen's zone which have illegal construction without proper building plans; and

(b) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to demolish the illegal structures which have come in various bungalows?

THE MINNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Lutyen's Bungalows Zone covers 2800 hectares of area. This include 516.4 hectare of residential houses, out of which 402.8 hectare is of Government Bungalows and 113.6 hectare of private bungalows. The development of this Zone is guided by the guidelines of 1988 which aims at low intensity development of the entire area, keeping in view, its historic and other significance. The Central Public Works Department has reported that there are certain additional constructions of temporary and permanent nature in 27 Government bungalows as on 1.1.2001.